

Attorney's Docket: 2002DE428Serial No.: 10/523,746Art Unit 1724Response to Office Action Mailed 12/14/2005**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, mailed December 14, 2005, the Examiner made a restriction requirement, identifying two groups of invention:

Group I - Claims 1-5, drawn to a floatation device

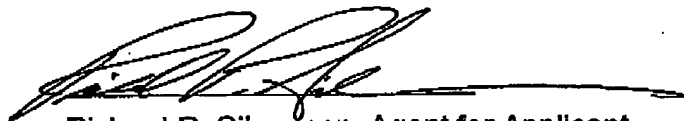
Group II - Claims 6-9, drawn to a method to make a chemical compound.

Applicant has elected Group I, and amended the claims by canceling claims 6, 7, 8, and 9. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce claims 6-9 in a properly filed continuation application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-5 were allowable, and that the Application was in condition for allowance except for formal matters: the presence of non-elected claims. The objection to the claims for formal matters should be withdrawn in view of the above amendment canceling claims 6-9.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 03-2060.

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